

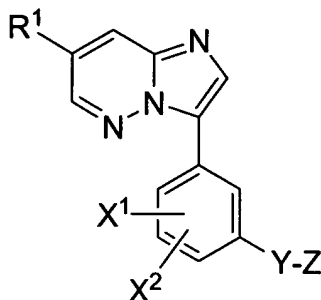
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice and insert therefor new Claims 11-20. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

wherein:

X¹ represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁₋₆ alkoxy;

X² represents hydrogen or halogen;

Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- linkage;

Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;

R¹ represents hydrogen, hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, -OR^a, -SR^a, -SOR^a, -SO₂R^a, -SO₂NR^aR^b, -NR^aR^b, -NR^aCOR^b, -NR^aCO₂R^b, -COR^a, -CO₂R^a, -CONR^aR^b or -CR^a=NOR^b; and

R^a and R^b independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.

12. (New) The compound of Claim 11 wherein Z is phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituents which are independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁₋₆ alkyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, oxo, C₁₋₆ alkylsulphonyl, amino, aminocarbonyl, formyl, C₂₋₆ alkoxy carbonyl and -CR^a=NOR^b.

13. (New) The compound of Claim 11 wherein X¹ is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy.

14. (new) The compound of Claim 13 wherein X² is hydrogen or fluoro.

15. (new) The compound of Claim 11 wherein Z is cyanophenyl.

16. (new) The compound of Claim 11 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, hydrocarbon, cyano, trifluoromethyl, -COR^a, -CO₂R^a, and -CR^a=NOR^b.

17. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claim 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

18. (new) A method for the treatment of anxiety which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound of Claim 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (new) A method for the treatment of convulsions which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound of Claim 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (new) A method for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound of Claim 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.